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AROMATIC POLYCARBONATE RESIN : Mail Stop: AMENDMENT
COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR THE
PRODUCTION THEREOF

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 20, 2008 in which election of species has been required, Applicants hereby elect Species I (component B-1-i an organosilicon compound).

The claims encompassing Species I are claims 1 to 5 and 7 to 15.

The election is with traverse. The reasons are as follows.

Common technical feature

EP 1142954 discloses a method for producing a resin composition by polymerizing the prepolymer in the presence of silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate in claim 9. In EP 1142954, the method of polymerization is not specifically limited. EP 1142954 says that it may be conducted according to a commonly used polymerization method of resin as disclosed in paragraph [0120]. However, only a transesterification method is used in the Examples which is unsuggestive of the interfacial polycondensation reaction specified in present claim 1.

Thus, EP 1142954 discloses a transesterification method. On the contrary, the present claims are directed to an interfacial polycondensation method. Accordingly, the contention in the Official Action that the common technical feature of the present claims is taught by EP 1142954 is untenable.

It should also be noted that the present application satisfied the unity of invention requirements under PCT Rule 13.1. Lack of unity of invention during the PCT International Stage was not alleged.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the election of species requirement and favorable action the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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